



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

December 21, 2000

H.R. 1653

An act to complete the orderly withdrawal of the NOAA from the civil administration of the Pribilof Islands, Alaska, and to assist in the conservation of coral reefs, and for other purposes

As cleared by the Congress on December 14, 2000

Title III of H.R. 1653 would authorize the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to spend any amounts received from damage claims stemming from the 1992 collision of a private ship and a NOAA research vessel. Such amounts would be deposited as offsetting collections to the agency's operating account and used only for hydrographic and fisheries vessel operations. Based on information provided by the Office of Management and Budget, CBO estimates that NOAA would spend about \$300,000 in fiscal year 2001 as a result of this provision. (This money was received by the federal government in 1996.) H.R. 1653 also would allow NOAA to spend funds earned from the sale of marine assets (such as vessels) for vessel operations, but such amounts can already be spent under existing authority. Other provisions of the legislation, including those authorizing financial assistance for the Pribilof Islands, would not affect receipts or direct spending.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Deborah Reis. The estimate was approved by Peter H. Fontaine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.